

WAKE FOREST URBAN FORESTRY BOARD

MINUTES

February 12, 2007

Members Present: John Patterson, Pete Jordan, * John Pelosi, Earl Creutzburg, * Stephanie Farley, Jennifer McGehean, Don Daria, Velma Boyd (ex-officio), Lisa Potts (staff liaison).

Members Absent: John Rich

* arrived after meeting called to order and minutes approved.

CALL TO ORDER

Pete Jordan called the regular meeting of the Wake Forest Urban Forestry Board to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: John Patterson moved to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2007 meeting as submitted. Liz Ford seconded and the motion carried unanimously (7-0).

NEW BUSINESS

#A. Elect New Officers

John Pelosi moved to elect John Patterson as chairman. Don Daria seconded the motion. The seven Board members present voted unanimously to elect John Patterson as the new Urban Forestry Board Chairman.

Earl Creutzburg moved to elect John Rich as co-chairman. Don Daria seconded the motion. The seven Board members present voted 6-1 to elect John Rich as the new Urban Forestry Board Co-Chairman. John Rich was not present to accept this position. Lisa Potts will contact Mr. Rich for acceptance. The vote was as follows:

Aye: John Patterson, Pete Jordan, John Pelosi, Earl Creutzburg, Stephanie Farley, Don Daria.

Nay: Jennifer McGehean

#B. Review Green Medal Award Application

Urban Forestry Board members reviewed the Green Medal Award application submitted by Ammons Development Group nominating Heritage Golf Club for the Corporate award. The Heritage Golf Club continues the example of commitment to the environment.

One aspect of this began in 2002 and continues through today with the restoration of Smith and Austin Creeks in and around the Heritage Golf Club. A project taken on in conjunction with the State, was established to preserve and enhance the creeks. Newly carved channel patterns were created to slow down the water flow. Original creek channels and flood storage areas were restored, providing a wildlife corridor and natural flood control. Boulders and root wads were added to prevent erosion of adjacent land, thus stabilizing creek banks and providing a source of habitat for fish.

In addition, the Heritage Golf Club has now been recognized by Audubon International as having obtained the status of a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary. By showing a strong commitment to this environmental program, they are able to protect a local watershed while providing a sanctuary for wildlife. To reach certification, Heritage Golf Club has to maintain a high degree of environmental quality in areas including: Outreach and Education, Environmental Planning, Wildlife and Habitat Management, Water Conservation, Chemical Use Reduction & Safety, and Water Quality Management. Heritage Golf Club is now only the 19th course in North Carolina and 624th in the world to receive this dedication.

John Pelosi motioned to award the Corporate award to Heritage Golf Club. Stephanie Farley seconded the motion. The seven Board members present voted unanimously on the motion.

In addition, John Pelosi motioned to award the Bishop's Grant community the Project Green Medal award for exceeding the Town of Wake Forest's landscape requirements within the Bishop's Grant community, specifically at the community entrance and along Middlegame Way. Pete Jordan seconded the motion. The seven Board members present voted unanimously on the motion.

#C. Tree Seedling and Arbor Day Schedule

Lisa Potts distributed sign up sheets for Tree Seedling Giveaway scheduled for Saturday, March 10, from 8-noon; Community House Set-Up for Wednesday, March 21, 10 am; Arbor Day Celebration – Thursday, March 22.

#D. Review Request for Tree Removal at the Birthplace Museum

John Pelosi made a motion to deny the Birthplace's request to remove a cherry tree that is planted in between the street and sidewalk that is lined up with the front of door at the Birthplace Museum. Pete Jordan seconded the motion. The seven Board members present voted unanimously on the motion.

Lisa Potts will notify Birthplace of denied request.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

John Patterson, Chairman

Lisa Potts, Planner/Secretary